

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN
COMPETITION (OVERSEAS CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES)**

1. I recommend that Embassy Tel Aviv, Defense Attaché Office use other than full and open competition for the acquisition of Holmes Place – Herzliya Club. The estimated cost is \$31,200.00 for 24 annual memberships.
2. Nature and/or description of the action being approved.
Request 24 annual fitness memberships at Holmes Place – Herzliya. Request name based memberships that can be transferred to the member's replacement for any remaining time on the membership.
3. A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs.
Access to a pool of 20-25 meters length in a controlled environment (pool versus sea) is required. US Navy personnel are permitted to perform a swim test as part of their Physical Readiness Test. Personnel in specific career fields are required to maintain a high level of comfort and high level of proficiency in the water. US Army personnel on a medical waiver may take a swim test as part of their fitness exam. US Air Force personnel assigned here are an older demographic with previously existing injuries or maintain low impact regimen to prevent injury. The only fitness center with a pool with the specifications listed above is Holmes Place, Herzliya. Since service members are required to maintain their fitness for semi-annual testing lack of pool access is non-negotiable.
4. An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition. 41 USC 253(c)(1) - Only one responsible source. This Holmes Place location has a pool which meets the requirements for US military fitness testing.
5. A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited (for sole source acquisitions; also required for unusual and compelling urgency where more than one offer will not be solicited).
Holmes Place Herzliya has a pool in a controlled environment with sectioned private lanes. The length is within the distance required for US military fitness testing. Also, the pool provides low-impact cardiovascular training, rehabilitative training especially those recovering from injuries or are in the early stages of a fitness regimen.

6. A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable. The description should include whether a FedBizOpps notice was or will be publicized, as required by FAR 5.2, and if not, which exception under FAR 5.202 applies (e.g., blanket waiver provided in DOSAR 605.202-70).

Four Herzliya fitness centers were selected at random to compare the services and availability of a pool. On Thursday, 31 December 2015, MSgt Yasmyn Puglisi, conducted site visits at three different fitness centers in Herzliya; Holmes Place, Space, and Great Shape. I attempted to visit Dynamic at 50 Nordau, however, she did not find the fitness center after several loops in the area.

7. A determination by the Contracting Officer the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.

The contracting officer determines the cost to be comparable to fitness centers available to US Military personnel have access to at their assigned military base.

8. A description of the market survey conducted and the results or a statement of the reasons a market survey was not conducted.

A market survey was conducted 31 December 2015. All locations had comparable equipment, operational hours, fitness classes. Holmes Place is the only location with a 20-25 meter pool.

9. Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition. None

10. A listing of sources, if any that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition.
N/A

11. A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required. None

CERTIFICATIONS

I certify this justification is accurate and contains complete data necessary to support the recommendation for other than full and open competition.

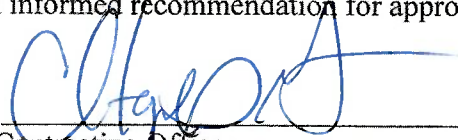
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I certify that this submission is accurate, and that it contains complete information necessary to enable other officials to make an informed recommendation for approval or disapproval.

6 Jan 16
Date


Contracting Officer